



**RBA: Austin Area Urban League
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR BOARD ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 1
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SUBJECT: Authorize the negotiation and execution of a twelve-month contract with the AUSTIN AREA URBAN LEAGUE, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, to administer the Emergency Home Repair Program.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation. Grant funding is contingent on the release of Fiscal Year 2011 federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT: Austin Housing Finance Corporation

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth A. Spencer, Acting Treasurer,
Austin Housing Finance Corporation, 974-3182.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION:

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

The Emergency Home Repair (EHR) Program provides emergency and critical repairs to qualifying owner-occupied homes located in the City of Austin. The assistance provided by the EHR Program is in the form of a grant to the homeowner. The homeowners assisted by this program must reside in the home and their total household income cannot exceed 80 percent of the Median Family Income (MFI) for the Austin area, currently \$59,050 for a four-person household. The services provided include: responding to client requests for repairs, verifying client eligibility, developing specifications for repairs, facilitating repairs using licensed contractors and other skilled tradespersons, and providing quality assurance for the work performed. The program addresses potentially life-threatening health and safety issues and helps preserve existing housing stock.

The cost of repairing any home under this program may not exceed \$5,000 in a fiscal year. The \$5,000 limit per home per fiscal year includes all types of repairs provided under the EHR Program. It is anticipated that an annual minimum of 450 unduplicated households will be served in Fiscal Year 2010-11.